## **REMARKS:**

1) Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment including new claims 9 to 18 is respectfully requested. Claims 9 to 18 are based on original, literally translated PCT claims 1 to 8, except for avoiding the improper multiple dependencies, an dependency of original claim 2, and a few other informalities. The new claims 9 to 18 are based on the original claims as follows, and do not involve new matter.

New Claims	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Original Claims	1,2	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	7	8

- Note that the Written Opinion of the International Searching 2) Authority (see accompanying IDS) found that all claims 1 to 8 of the PCT International Application satisfied all criteria for patentability including novelty, non-obviousness and utility.
- 3) Claims 9 to 18 are the claims to be examined. Favorable consideration and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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